

Assembly Bill No. 74

CHAPTER 216

An act to add Sections 12670.22 and 12670.23 to the Water Code, relating to flood control.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 74, Chesbro. Flood control: Middle Creek and Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Projects.

(1) Existing law provides for state cooperation with the federal government in the construction of specified flood control projects.

This bill would authorize the state to provide funds for the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project in Lake County and the Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project in Glenn County, at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state cooperation, upon the recommendations and advice of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. The bill would require Lake County Watershed Protection District and Reclamation District No. 2140 to carry out those respective projects, to give prescribed assurances to the Secretary of the Army, and to enter into specified agreements with the Department of Water Resources, thereby imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 12670.22 is added to the Water Code, to read:

12670.22. (a) The state may provide funds for the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project in Lake County substantially in accordance with the Flood Damage Reduction and Environmental Restoration, Middle Creek, Lake County, California: Report of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers dated November 29, 2004, and as authorized by Section 1001 (11) of the federal Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated for state cooperation by the Legislature upon the recommendations and advice

of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, including payment for any fish and wildlife enhancement features as provided in Section 12847.

(b) Lake County Watershed Protection District shall give assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army that the local cooperation required by state or federal law will be furnished by the district in connection with the project.

(c) Lake County Watershed Protection District, in conjunction with the Department of the Army, shall carry out the plans and project and may make modifications and amendments to the plans as may be required by state or federal law.

(d) Lake County Watershed Protection District shall enter into an agreement with the department pursuant to which the district agrees to indemnify and hold harmless and save the state, and its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability for damages that may arise out of the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of the project.

(e) The authorization granted by this section does not affect any eligibility of Lake County Watershed Protection District to receive state funding made available pursuant to provisions of law other than this part if the receipt of those funds does not result in overpayment for any feature of the project.

(f) The Legislature finds and declares that the project described in subdivision (a) modifies and replaces portions of the project described in Section 12656.5. The project described in subdivision (a) shall constitute a part of the State Plan of Flood Control and the portion of the project described in Section 12656.5 that is replaced by the project described in subdivision (a) shall not constitute a part of the State Plan of Flood Control.

SEC. 2. Section 12670.23 is added to the Water Code, to read:

12670.23. (a) The state may provide funds for the Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project in Glenn County substantially in accordance with the Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration, Glenn County, California: Report of the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers dated December 22, 2004, and authorized by Section 1001 (8) of the federal Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-114), at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated for state cooperation by the Legislature upon the recommendations and advice of the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, including payment for any fish and wildlife enhancement features as provided in Section 12847.

(b) Reclamation District No. 2140 shall give assurances satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army that the local cooperation required by state or federal law will be furnished by the district in connection with the project.

(c) Reclamation District No. 2140, in conjunction with the Department of the Army, shall carry out the plans and project and may make modifications and amendments to the plans as may be required by federal or state law.

(d) Reclamation District No. 2140 shall enter into an agreement with the department pursuant to which the district agrees to indemnify and hold

harmless and save the state, and its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability for damages that may arise out of the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of the project.

(e) The authorization granted by this section does not affect any eligibility of Reclamation District No. 2140 to receive state funding made available pursuant to provisions of law other than this part if the receipt of those state funds does not result in overpayment for any feature of the project.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district are the result of a program for which legislative authority was requested by that local agency or school district, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.